MOHAN DEV) : The total production of crude steel in the major ten steel producing developing countries and in India during the last three years is as under :

Name of the Country	Production of crude steel in million tonnes		
	1989	1990	1991
1. China	61.6	66.3	70.4
2. Republic of Korea	21.9	23.1	26.0
3. Brazil	25.1	20.6	22.6
4. Taiwan	9.0	9.7	11.0
5. Mexico	7.9	8.7	7.9
6. Democratic People's Republic of Korea	6.9	7.0	7.0
7. Venezuala	3.2	3.0	3.1
8. Indonesia	2.4	2.9	3.0
9. Argentina	3.9	3.7	3.0
10. Egypt	2.1	2.2	2.6
11. India	14.6	15.0	17.1

Source; Statistical Year Book 1990 and 1991 published by International Iron and Steel Institute, Brussels. No reliable data regarding demand of steel in other countries is available.

Per Capita Consumption of Steel

1918. SHRI DEPEN GHOSH : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state: what is the average per capita steel consumption in world vis-a-vis India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) : The apparent average per capita consumption of crude steel in the world in the year 1990 was 148.7 Kg. as compared to 26.2 Kg. in India.*

*Source : Steel Statistical Year Book 1991 published by Iron and Steel Institute, Brussels.

Supply of Iron Ore Pellets

1919. SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO' : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any short supply of iron ore pellets during the past three year?:

(b) whether shortage of saleable steel in the country is due to such shortage of pellets".

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) by when the country would achieve sufficiency in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b) Iron ore pellets are used in the country for production of sponge iron and not steel. There have been no reports of shortage of iron ore pellets for the sponge iron industry.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Consumption of Iron Ore Pellets

1920. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total consumption of iron ore pellets by steel mills of the country, mill-wise details thereof;

(b) is there any short supply of pellets to steel mills;

(c) if so[1], mill-wise details of such short-fall; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to remove the shortfall ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Iron ore pellets are not used in the steel mills in the country. However, they are used by the sponge iron industry for production of sponge iron/hot briquetted iron in gas-based plants. The consumption of pellets in the gas-based plant of M/s. Essar Gujarat